IITs and IIMs in SAARC countries

118. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several SAARC countries have made requests for opening branches of IITs and IIMs in their countries;

(b) whether Government propose to evolve a common approach to the foreign participation and collaboration of India's premier institutes; and

(c) if answer to part (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative by when Government are likely to consider the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) In the fourth meeting of the Technical Group of Economic Cooperation on the India-Srilanka CEPA held on 26-04-2005 at New Delhi, the Srilankan side requested for consideration of the proposal of setting up of an IIT in Srilanka.

The Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in India have been set up under the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961. Similarly, the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) have been set up as societies registered under the Socieities Registration Act, 1860. Neither the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961 governing IITs nor the individual memoranda of associations governing IIMs have any provision for setting up of branches of these institutions abroad.

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Uttaranchal

119. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the object of starting Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and whether the same has been achieved in Uttaranchal;

(b) whether the funds sanctioned for this purpose for Uttaranchal have been fully utilized;

(c) whether it is a fact that the population of non-school going children is higher in the State; and